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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 241467 ACTION USUN NEW YORK INFO
GENEVA IAEA VIENNA ROME MONTREAL 2 NOVEMBER.

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SUBJECT:PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
(ICSC)

VIENNA FOR UNIDO

PARIS FOR UNESCO

ROME FOR FODAG

MONTREAL FOR ICAO

1. OUR POSITION ON ICSC IS THAT IT IS A GOOD IDEA BEFORE
ITS TIME. WE DOUBT THAT A RESPONSIBLE, PROFESSIONAL BODY
OF TOP LEVEL INDEPENDENT EXPERTS CAN BE ESTABLISHED AT
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THIS TIME, AND BELIEVE CONTINUATION OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL

SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF PERSONNEL PROGRAM OF UN SYSTEM FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST. WE ALSO ARE ASTOUNDED BY THE SYG'S 1975 PRICE TAG OF \$1.2 MILLION (INCREASING IN 1976 TO AT LEAST \$1.7 MILLION) AND DO NOT WISH TO SEE A BUDGET ITEM OF THIS AMOUNT FOR A PROGRAM OF DOUBTFUL COST EFFECTIVENESS ADDED TO AN ALREADY HUGE SUPPLEMENTAL IN THIS TIME OF FINANCIAL CRISIS.

2. WE RECOGNIZE HOWEVER THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MOMENTUM BEHIND ICSC AND THAT A US EFFORT TO BLOCK IT COULD WELL BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF ABOVE USDEL SHOULD REMAIN VERY MUCH IN THE BACKGROUND ON THIS ONE. WE DO NOT WANT TO SUPPORT ICSC, BUT PROBABLY CAN'T OPPOSE IT, THOUGH ADVANTAGE SHOULD BE TAKEN OF ANY APPROPRIATE WAY TO DISCOURAGE ITS ESTABLISHMENT AT THIS TIME.

4. WITH RESPECT TO STRUCTURE UNLESS MISSION HAS CONTRARY VIEWS WE WOULD ACCEPT A 13 MEMBER COMMISSION WITH A FULL TIME CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN, PROVIDING POLICY SETTING RESPONSIBILITY RETAINED BY FULL COMMISSION. WE WOULD WANT TO VOTE AGAINST A STATUTE THAT RESTRICTED THE CHAIRMANSHIP AND VICE CHAIRMANSHIP TO ANY PARTICULAR MEMBER STATES OR CATEGORY OF STATES. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE

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